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## *Seven Years Later, Jimmy Hoffa Case Is Still a Mystery*

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DETROIT, July 30—Seven years ago today, Jimmy Hoffa disappeared, leaving virtually no trail. The body of the tough Teamster leader has never been found, and investigators expect no immediate break in the case.

Under Michigan law, James R. Hoffa can now be declared legally dead, and his son, James P. Hoffa, is in the process of filing the necessary papers, hopeful that the remaining Hoffa family can close that chapter of their lives and begin the three-year process of settling Hoffa's estate.

There are many theories about what happened to Hoffa: that he was buried—in a Michigan cornfield, in a New Jersey dump, or under countless construction projects—or that he was ground up and put in a Florida swamp.

The most popular theory, however, is that he was compacted, shredded and incinerated at a garbage disposal company in Hamtramck, just outside Detroit. No one seems to believe Hoffa is still alive.

But his legend dominates the Teamsters, even today. William E. Bufalino, a 35-year Teamster who was Hoffa's lawyer for 25 years, said sadly, "There'll never be another one like that in the Teamsters. If he was a woman, he'd be pregnant every nine months. He didn't know how to say no. He did so many favors for so many people."

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Bufalino, whose office walls are covered with pictures of himself with Hoffa over the years at courthouses and congressional committees, said he believes the FBI or the CIA might have had something to do with the disappearance.

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